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Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command Awards Contract

SAN DIEGO – Data Link Solutions, a Limited Liability Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is being awarded a \$39,897,225 firm, fixed price option exercise for the U.S. Air Force Multifunctional Information Distribution System - Fighter Data Link (MIDS-FDL) program. This option exercise is for the production of 162 active Air Force production terminals, 27 Air National Guard production terminals, and eleven MIDS-FDL production spares terminals and MIDS-FDL pilot production warranty. The terminals will provide Air Force F-15 aircraft with Link 16 capable terminals that are secure and provide navigation and identification capabilities. The period of performance shall be from October 1999 through final terminal deliveries scheduled in November 2001. Work will be performed by Rockwell-Collins of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (50 percent) and GEC-Marconi/Hazeltine of Wayne, NJ (50 percent), partners in the joint venture Limited Liability Company. The active Air Force production terminals and warranty are funded with USAF production funds. The Air National Guard production terminals are funded with Guard and Reserve Equipment funds. The spares terminals are funded with Air Force Working Capital Funds that will expire at the end of the fiscal year. Contract funds for production terminals will not expire at the end of the fiscal year. The base contract was competitively awarded with two offers received. The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command San Diego is the contracting activity (N00039-96-C-0038).

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